



### New Hosts Added

PPQ issued a Federal Order on November 15 adding *Abies concolor* (white fir) and *Viburnum opulus* (= *V. trilobum*) (American cranberry viburnum) to the official APHIS list of host and associated host plants. There are 84 plants now listed

PPQ received information from the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the Oregon Department of Agriculture that they had identified plants associated with *P. ramorum* not previously reported in the United States. California reported *Abies concolor* and Oregon reported *Viburnum opulus* (= *V. trilobum*). American cranberry viburnum is a member of the same species reported two years ago by the United Kingdom. We are adding its synonym and common name to *V. opulus* since the old name is often used in the nursery trade. Koch's Postulates have not yet been completed for these plants, so they can not yet be listed as proven hosts of *P. ramorum*.

The Federal order is available at:

[http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/pdf\\_files/federal\\_order\\_11-15-05.pdf](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/ispm/pramorum/pdf_files/federal_order_11-15-05.pdf)

### National Survey

Forty-nine states and Puerto Rico have reported compliance or national survey results; 3,790 nurseries have been visited and 68,275 samples collected. Fifty-six positive sites in seven states have been identified through national survey or Federal order and annual cleanliness compliance surveys.

Overall, 99 positive sites have been reported this year. The breakdown by state is: CA (55), GA (4), LA (2), OR (20), TN (1), SC (1), and WA (16).

### *P. ramorum* Modeling Meeting

Scientists from PPQ, US Forest Service, UC Berkeley, and Canada's Department of Natural Resources met to compare and discuss models that predict the risk of *P. ramorum* in the United States. The group met at the USDA Forest Service, Southern Research Station in Asheville, NC where eight national-scale *P. ramorum* risk models were presented as well as several models predicting risk of *P. ramorum* for California